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Sir:

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Because an Office Action has been entered in this case, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under C.F.R. 1.97(c). Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C. the amount of \$180 so that this Information Disclosure Statement may be considered.

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Each item provided herewith was first cited in an Australian Patent Office Search Report for Application No. SG 200001889-5 dated 14 October 2002, which is a foreign counterpart application of the above-styled matter.

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